

TOWN OF UNION
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF TOWN ELECTORS
Minutes of Thursday, November 14, 2013

The Town of Union Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of Town Electors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Evansville Fire Station, 425 Water St., Evansville, WI. The meetings were called pursuant to §60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes by the Town Board for the following purposes, each item including a public hearing:

To adopt the 2014 Town tax levy of all or part of the sum needed to balance the budget with balance to be taken from the surplus pursuant to §60.10(1)(a).

Town Clerk Regina Ylvisaker explained that the Final Tax Levy is made up of the Adjusted Actual Levy – the amount that the Town Electors approve, and any Adjustments to the Levy Limit made for Debt Service – this amount is determined by the amount of debt the Town will service (make payment upon) during 2014, and the Board approves how much of this amount will be added to the total levy amount. The proposed Adjusted Actual Levy is \$320,673.36. This amount is determined by combining the anticipated fund shortage for 2014 (anticipated expenditures – anticipated revenues) and the estimated 2013 yearend balance, and then subtracting the maximum amount of Adjustments for Debt Service that can be made.

Motion to approve the Adjusted Actual Levy for 2014 in the amount of \$320,673.36 made by Bob Fahey. Second by Kim Gruebling.

All in favor: Sharon Franklin, Kendall Schneider, Kim Gruebling, Regina Ylvisaker. All opposed: George Franklin. Motion carried 4-1.

To authorize the Town Board to hire Town officers as employees of the Town and set an hourly wage pursuant to §Sec. 60.10(1)(g).

The current hourly wage for Town officers working as employees of the Town is \$15.00 per hour.

Motion to continue to pay Town officers working as employees of the Town \$15.00 per hour made by Alvin Francis. Second by Kim Gruebling.

All in favor: George Franklin, Sharon Franklin, Kendall Schneider, Kim Gruebling, Regina Ylvisaker. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Kendall Schneider. Second by George Franklin. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

TOWN OF UNION
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Minutes of Thursday, November 14, 2013

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 6:47 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Evansville Fire Station, 425 Water St., Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Supervisors George Franklin and Kim Gruebling, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Clerk Regina Ylvisaker, and Constable Eric Larsen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk's minutes (October 3, 2013)

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2013 monthly Board meeting as written made by Gruebling/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Kim Gruebling noted a typo at the end of the minutes; Ylvisaker is aware of the typo, and explained it does not appear in the Word version of the minutes. It seems to be an issue with converting document from Word to pdf and she is trying to correct the typo on the pdf version of the document.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of October 31, 2013:

Local Gov't Investment Pool General Fund	\$	0.00
Park and Recreation Fund	\$	12,471.88
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$	34,611.68
UB&T Checking Account	\$	16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$	2,874.07
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$	20,778.60
Escrow Accounts:		
Teresa Lane:		
Bank of Monticello	\$	1,160.94
Michael Kipp	\$	386.97
Mastec, LLC	\$	207.01

The Morning Ridge CD will mature on 12/23/13. Gruebling noted that perhaps moving the CD to a different bank, specifically Union Bank, would allow for a lower minimum balance to be held for the checking account; Schneider explained that having the CD at Greenwoods allows the Town to use their meeting room occasionally. It will mature on 12/23/13 and a decision can be made regarding moving it at next month's Board meeting.

Constable's report

Constable Eric Larsen reported receiving no calls during the month of October. Neither Larsen nor Ylvisaker has received a signed copy of the 2014-15 contract back from RCHS; Larsen will send a follow up email to them.

Building Inspector's report

Schneider presented the Building Inspector's report in Bob Fahey's absence:

Date	Permit #	Name	Address	Description	Construction Cost
10/4/2013	13-27-B	Robert Leick	10826 N Long Rd	Foundation only for new home	
10/5/2013	13-28-B	Andy Phillips	14106 W Northridge	14 x 16 & 8 x 12 Decks	\$ 2,500.00
10/23/2013	13-29-B	John Czukiewski	7622 N Orchard View	Remodel basement	\$ 35,000.00

10/12/2013	13-30-B	Evansville Ford	8106 N US Hwy 14	Demolition of home north of Dealership	
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Public Comment

Sharon Franklin asked about the status of the cell tower construction. It is not complete but much of it has been constructed. Alvin Francis stated that the fence has not been installed. Franklin was wondering if it would be complete for placement on the tax roll for personal property on January 1.

Recycling Center Update

Jerry Krueger reported the dumpsters have been moved to north side, with the trash and recycling dumpsters separated by the shed in the middle. The large roll off dumpster has been removed for the winter, expect to have it back again in the spring. Pat Beggs reported having problems with the north wind blowing dumpster lids closed, trash out of the dumpsters. Beggs also suggested pouring a concrete pad for the office when they are pouring concrete for the public works building; it would extend the life of the office and prevent animals from burrowing under the building. At this point it appears concrete will be poured in the spring.

Josh Wiser reported on the status of construction of the public works building. Poles and trusses are up, siding should be installed beginning tomorrow.

Krueger reported that the recycling center will need more timesheets and sign in sheets shortly.

Approval of EMS Contracts

Schneider reported that Evansville EMS had stated that the 2014 contract amount would remain the same amount as last year. He has not received a copy of the contract yet. Evansville has been \$20 per capita, Brooklyn has been \$22 per capita.

Motion to approve 2014 Evansville EMS contract in the amount of \$20 per capita made by Gruebling/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Road Work 2014

Schneider has submitted a TRIP request for the 2015 cycle for Bullard Rd. Ben Coopman had projected a 2" overlay, 20' wide at \$103,000 per mile. The TRIP request for 2015 would go from Highway 14 to the cement box culvert past Tupper Road. A request for the following TRIP funding cycle would finish the road.

Sharon Franklin asked about status of Leedle Mill Road; Schneider stated that it has to be addressed and may need a double seal coat again. The contractors who performed the work were going to come back and do work to repair, but the Town needed to do some prep work which has not yet been done. Wiser reported Rutland is planning to do work on their portion of Union Dane County Line Road.

Krueger noted that the road to the dump is deteriorating every year, and every year work is not performed adds to the cost to repair.

Wiser reported installing a portion of the fire numbers, and plans to get more up if the ground does not freeze.

Board Action: Approval of 2014-16 Snowplowing Contract

The contract was distributed to the Board for review at the October 22 working budget meeting.

Motion to approve the 2014-16 Snowplowing Contract made by Gruebling/Franklin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Board Action: Approval of 2014 budget

Motion to accept the 2014 proposed budget in the amount of \$514,252.79 made by Schneider/Gruebling.

Discussion: Schneider reported that the Evansville Fire Contract amount went down about \$7,000 from initial estimates.

Roll call: Kendall Schneider – Yes; George Franklin – Yes; Kim Gruebling – Yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Action: Approval of submission of changes to Town of Union Code of Ordinances Chapters 16 & 17 to DATCP for review for Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance Certification

Alvin Francis gave a brief overview of the process the Plan Commission had gone through to get to this point with the review and changes of the documents in preparation of submission to the DATCP. The Commission is requesting that the Board approve forwarding the proposed changes to DATCP for their review and opinion on whether the changes will be acceptable. At this point the changes will not be finalized, only reviewed and commented on by DATCP. The Commission would like to know if there are any problems or concerns with the basic concepts and changes that have been made thus far or if they are on an acceptable track as far as the State is concerned.

A new zoning classification, A-4, has been included in the draft changes. This district allows smaller parcels, up to 3 acres, that will retain ag zoning vs. rural residential parcels which do not retain ag zoning.

Franklin asked what a “site plan review” was. The basic idea is that the Plan Commission will have the ability, in certain circumstances, to approve or not approve the proposed location of parcels. It does not give the Commission authority to dictate the location of a home on a parcel, as was discussed early on in the process of drafting changes to the ordinances.

Motion to table the request for two months – until the January Board meeting – to allow the Board to further review the changes prior to submission to DATCP made by Franklin/Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ylvisaker will prep cleaner versions of the ordinances for the Board to review.

Board Action: Approval of 2014 Meeting Date Schedule

There was discussion about the January meeting, January 2 vs. January 9. Agreed by all that January 2 was acceptable.

Motion to approve the 2014 meeting date schedule as drafted made by Schneider/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Pay Bills

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Schneider/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Regina Ylvisaker

Note: minutes are considered draft until reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a properly noticed meeting.